

THE CHINA MAIL.

THE Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme of music at the Officers' Mess, on Friday evening—

Overture... "Gustavus" ... "Gesellschaft" ... Reminiscences of Offenbach ... "Wanderer" ... "Hans' Song" ... "Die Schneekönigin" ... "Wanderer" ... "Tannhäuser" ... "Wagner."

The four teams to play for Hon. F. H. May's cup have been drawn as follows:—Royal Artillery will play the West Yorkshire Regiment on Monday, 11th inst. The Civilians will play the Club on Friday, 16th inst. The Final will be played on Monday, 16th inst. Play to commence at 4.30 p.m. each day.

THE YOKOHAMA POISONING CASE.
"Looker-On" writes in the *Japan Gazette*:

I understand the date of the Carew trial has been altered to January 5. A curious story is told of the drawing for juries. It may not be generally known that when the jury lists are revised the numbers corresponding to the names on the list are placed in a bag which is only opened when a jury is required. Mr. Carew's name was the first drawn, and Mr. J. Doag was second. It has been erroneously stated in some prints that Mr. J. T. Boug's name was drawn. Mr. Dickinson's name was also among those drawn.

A juror has suggested that instead of any juror abstaining from attendance and paying the fifty dollar fine, that each of the sixty jurors should pay \$25 into a pool and let the money be divided among the five who will finally have to serve. I commend the suggestion to the consideration of the jurors.

A catcher match will take place to-morrow and Saturday between teams representative of Scotland and the World. The following will play for the World—Messrs E. Mast, G. R. Valling, M. O. Ward, W.Y.R.; A. G. Ward, Surgeon-Major Johnston, S. A. Percy Aycough, R.N., K. W. Mounsey, T. N. Howard, W.Y.R.; H. M. C. Elliot, R.N., T. Sercombe Smith and P. A. Cox. Play will commence at eleven o'clock to-morrow, and two o'clock on Saturday. By the kindness of Colonel Faithfull and the officers of the Hongkong Regiment, their band will play on the ground on Saturday afternoon.

HOCKEY.

ENGLAND v. THE WORLD.

The game began at 4.40. England was one. The World three men short. Hooper ran in at once, and scored for England. The final hit was not given till the ball was on the goal line, and the point was disallowed. Play was hard and fast and three goals were soon put to England's credit. The Hon. Secretary gallantly vented to the World, and a determined and lucky rush ended in a goal being secured—three-one. Mackay then arrived, and the World made a better fight of it. Anton and Thompson keeping the ball well up on England's goal. At half time, the score was still three-one. Changing over, the World kept England very busy, and gave Melbourne a warm time of it in goal. Ram relieved, and the World then had hot work on the goal, where Smith had taken up custodian. England was now playing 11 to the World's 10 and the game grew hard and hot. England made strong bids for scoring, but lost at the critical moment by outside. Anton hit up tremendously for the World, and one of his drives was neatly taken up and a goal secured—three-two. From the bully, Ram got possession, and worked the ball cleverly up again and again. The World made a game and stubborn defence, and it was only a lucky, chopping stroke that enabled them to score—four-two. The last five minutes of the game was a series of onslaughts on each goal alternately, and had the World's forwards run well up, a point or two might have been scored from Anton, who drove forward and over time after time. The Valley temperature was almost suffocating, and told heavily on both teams.

FOOTBALL.

COLTS v. 35TH CO., R.A.

This game, the cup-tie contest between these teams, began at 4.50 p.m. Both sides were fairly represented though one or two good men notably F. H. Kew, were not with the Colts. The gunners pressed from the outset, and were by no means gentle with those very light opponents. For a quarter of an hour, nothing was done by either side that looked like scoring. The game little Colts stuck well to their men, and worried off every attack. Stojanov was a thoroughly effective back. His kicking off goal was a feature of the game throughout. Long kicking was freely indulged in by both sides. The gunners early showed a tendency for offside play, and one man—Blease—was seldom on side. At 4.25, these tactics enabled the gunners to secure a goal. No claim of offside was made, however, and a few minutes later the Colts equalised. Yule and Brett were the Colts' mainstay throughout, and might have done more if the outside wing players had spent less time in racing the ball to the corner flag. At half-time, the game was one-all, the Colts well shaken and a few maimed, the gunners disagreeably non-plussed and somewhat ruffled, the referee wearing the air of a man who would give much to be elsewhere. Starting again, the play was more on a level. The Colts improved somewhat, and their defence (Goodridge, Carvalho, Remedios, and R. Henderson) worked splendidly, with Stojanov always in splendidly effective reserve. The gunners grew more and more anxious to score, and finally adopted individual play tactics, each player seeming savagely bent on doing the whole business alone. This was turned to good account by the Colts, and fickle fortune rather than a good defence favoured their opponents. At the call of time, the score was still one-all, and the play on in no way altered matters. The tie will be played off on Monday.

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For next week, we have the Scotch Gambit match under the usual conditions, members of the same class to play against each other for the best of three games.

The opening is as follows:—

White. Black.
1. P—K4 P—K4
2. Kt—K3 Kt—Q3
3. P—Q4 P—P

It is this third move that constitutes the gambit. This opening leads to complicated positions, and is now not much favoured in tournament or match play. The games have to be played on Monday and Friday this week, and Monday, the 18th, Thursday being now reserved for the all-against-all tourney.

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It is gravely recorded that at Marathon the battle was so strenuously contested that an earthquake passed unnoticed by the combatants, and that it may be seen that men may be as earnest in our day it is interesting to note that in spite of the Cuban war, a Championship tournament was held in Havana, and Señor Vasquez, the Mexican Consul and a well-known player, came out first. I may also add that I have by me the scores of bright games played in Johannesburg during the recent troublous times.

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It is now clear that the Napoleon of Chess will return from Moscow defeated, but it seems scarcely fair to ask a奢urian to play two games a week in a Russian winter, beginning play at seven in the evening and continuing till 2 a.m., against an opponent who numbers less than half his years. Steinfort must retire, but he will not be disgraced, for the glory of his championship of more than a quarter of a century will remain with him. Championships are fleeting honours, and the crown worn by Steinfort yesterday, is Lester's to-day and may rest on the head of Marocca to-morrow.

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Tchigorin's victory at Budapest is the first occasion on which the Russian has secured an absolute lead in a first-class tourney, though he tied for the first place at New York eight years ago, and even now only takes first prize after playing off his tie with Charousek, who more than maintained the reputation he won at Nuremberg.

Charousek's play is old-fashioned, brilliant

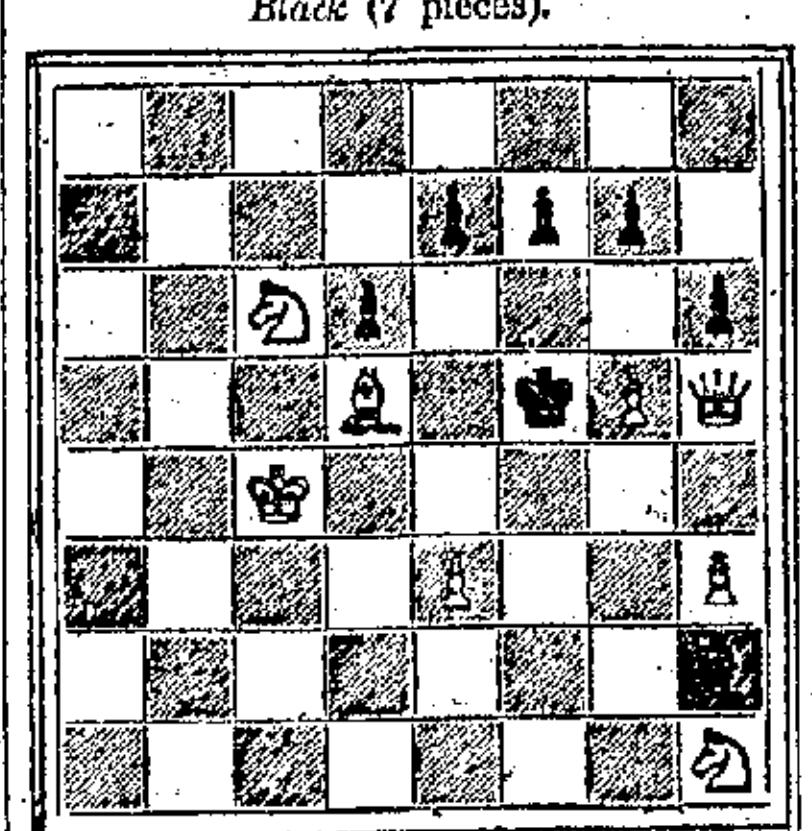
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Room.

Problem No. 25.
By B. J. Laws.
Black (7 pieces).



Black (8 pieces).

White to play, and mate in two moves.

Solution to Problem No. 23 by E. Prudham.

1. K—B3. Then if

2. K—Kt3 2. any

3. P—B4

1. K moves 2. Kt—Q2ch 2. any

3. P—B4

1. Q—R7 2. Q—Q8ch and Kt or Q

1. Q—K4 ch 2. Kt—Q

2. any

3. P—B4

1. Q—B4 2. B—R2 ch 2. K—K5

3. Kt—Q2

1. Q—Kt4 2. Kt—Q

2. any

3. B—R2

1. Q elsewhere 2. P—B4 ch 2. Kt—P

3. Q—B5

1. B moves 2. K—Kt3 etc.

Correct Solution from M. Myer.

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JANUARY 7, 1896.

The Hongkong Chess Club held its Problem Competition on Monday evening.

Three problems were set, and to each

five minutes were allowed; no credit be

ing given for rapidity of solution. The

problems were well selected, and though

all were somewhat easy, showed no lack of

variety, consisting of a Waiting move, a

Block and a Threat. Mr Barlow and Mr

Levi solved all of them, Mr Danenberg and

the other two competitors failed to

solve. I give one of the problems set in

the competition, that solvers who were not

present on the occasion may have an opportunity of studying a pretty position.

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- 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
- 8. From Blue Buildings to Fast Point.
- 9. From Kowloon Island to North Point.
- 10. Kowloon Wharves.
- 11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Arr'd	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons nett.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Amey	3 c	Wulff	Brit. str.	603	Jan. 30	Order		
Byodo	3 b	Pohleben	Norw. str.	721	Nov. 19	Wieler & Co.		
Changsha	2 b	Williams	Brit. str.	1463	Dec. 31	Butterfield & Swire		
Chow-Pa	2 b	Williamson	Brit. str.	1058	Jan. 7	Green Fat Hong		
Chow-Ta	2 b	Edmiston	Brit. str.	1152	Jan. 4	Yuen Fat Hong		
Chousai	2 b	Andrews	Ger. str.	1222	Jan. 4	Siemens & Co.		
Compton	3 b	Stultz	Brit. str.	522	Dec. 19	Wieler & Co.		
Dante	3 b	King	Ger. str.	1322	Nov. 10	Siemens & Co.		
Deutiges	3 b	Claeszen	Ger. str.	1118	Jan. 6	Wieler & Co.		
Doris	3 b	Colverton	Ger. str.	971	Jan. 6	Wieler & Co.		
Eloie	3 b	Petersen	Ger. str.	902	Dec. 31	Jardine & Co.		
Empress of China	5 b	Archibald	Brit. str.	3003	Dec. 30	P. & O. Co.		
Faunton	5 b	Moubray	Brit. str.	1410	Jan. 31	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Federacion	5 b	Frontenac	Brit. str.	1570	Jan. 4	Louis, Wagner & Co.		
Hohenzollern	5 b	Harrasowitz	Brit. str.	2039	Jan. 7	McLchers & Co.		
Hongkong	5 b	Easton	Brit. str.	739	Jan. 1	R. Mart		
Hupue	3 c	Quail	Brit. str.	1203	Jan. 1	Butterfield & Swire		
Kuchidate Maru	3 b	Narasaki	Japan. str.	2143	Jan. 3	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		
Kutang	3 c	Payne	Brit. str.	1446	Jan. 4	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Loongmoon	3 c	Schulte	Ger. str.	1245	Jan. 7	Siemens & Co.		
Michael Jepsen	5 b	Bruhn	Ger. str.	716	Jan. 4	Jones & Co.		
Mount Lebanon	5 c	McLean	Brit. str.	1690	Jan. 3	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Nanpu	5 b	Hall	Brit. str.	862	Jan. 7	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Nanchang	5 b	Finlayson	Brit. str.	1661	Dec. 17	Butterfield & Swire		
Nord	5 b	Macmillan	Brit. str.	761	Jan. 4	McLechers & Co.		
Olympia	7 b	Trurobridge	Brit. str.	1691	Dec. 23	Dodwell, Carrill & Co.		
Proprietary	3 c	Hass	Ger. str.	875	Jan. 24	Chaves		
Reindeer	5 b	Ferrand	Brit. str.	1181	Dec. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Strachallan	5 b	McLaren	Brit. str.	1483	Jan. 1	McLchers & Co.		
Strathallan	5 b	McLennan	Brit. str.	2018	Jan. 1	Hughes & Hoough		
Strathyne	5 b	McKenzie	Brit. str.	894	Jan. 1	Butterfield & Swire		
Sungkhang	5 b	Dodd	Brit. str.	1304	Jan. 6	McLchers & Co.		
Torquemada	5 b	Dunleath	Norw. str.	904	Jan. 6	McLchers & Co.		
Triumph	5 b	Moller	Brit. str.	675	Jan. 1	Jones & Co.		
Sailing Vessels.								
Fort Stuart	8 b	Vanstone	Brit. str.	2312	Nov. 5	Order		
Fred. P. Litchfield	2 b	Hardy	Amer. bge.	951	Nov. 20	Order		
Galveston	3 c	Potter	Amer. bge.	650	Dec. 26	Wieler & Co.		
John Bailey	3 c	Wall	Amer. sch.	—	May	Order		
Lothair	3 c	Veretto	Italian bge.	796	July 31	Standard Oil Co.		
Matterhorn	3 c	Williams	Br. 4m. str.	1839	Nov. 19	Standard Oil Co.		
Peacock	5 b	McCauley	Amer. bge.	1667	Nov. 20	Arubold, Karberg & Co.		
R. R. Thomas	5 b	Nichols	Amer. sch.	1333	Nov. 24	Standard Oil Co.		
Retriever	2 b	Walls	Amer. sch.	75	April 12	Captain		
Sachsen	2 b	Lancaster	Amer. sch.	1311	June 12	Captain		
Santa Cruz	2 b	UKauf	Amer. sch.	124	Jan. 1	Captain		
Stauffield	3 c	Wilson	Amer. bge.	561	Dec. 18	Master		
Sunabwa	5 b	Elberg	Amer. bge.	1665	Dec. 27	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Tukenku	5 b	Malandor	Amer. sch.	47	Jan. 1	M-ster		
Velocity	3 c	Velocite	Amer. bge.	527	Oct. 1	Chines		
West York	5 b	Davis	Amer. bge.	685				